

**Lanesboro City Council**  
**Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009**  
**Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Steve Rahn, Ceil Allen, Tom Dybing and Vince Jeannette

**Absent:** Joe O'Connor

**Visitors:** Lisa Brainard, Jade Wangen and Andy Drake

**REGULAR MEETING:**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rahn.

Additions or Changes to the agenda consisted of adding Sally Jo Gehrke to the agenda about tourism. Dybing made a motion to approve the agenda with that change, second Allen, motion carried.

The meeting minutes for the August 17<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved with a motion by Allen, second Dybing, motion carried.

**PERSONS WITH BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL:**

**Andy Drake – Fire Hall and New Member:** Andy had asked on behalf of the fire department to get permission to hire Randy Berkvam to paint the exterior of the fire hall. Also Drake noted that they need to replace the lettering as well. Drake noted that he does not know what the cost of the fire hall would be, but had asked for two quotes for lettering and only received one quote back. He had sought quotes from Sign Pro and LaCrosse Sign Company, but only LaCrosse Sign Company offered a bid for \$1,184. Vickerman noted that due to unallotment possibilities, neither fire convention was attended this year, the account has \$4,000 budgeted, she noted the money could be used from that budget line item to pay for these improvements. Dybing made a motion to approve the painting and lettering of the fire hall, second Jeannette, motion carried. Drake also noted that the fire department wishes to have John Dollar as a new member. Jeanette made a motion to appoint John Dollar to the Fire Department, second Dybing, motion carried. Drake had asked Vickerman to put an ad in the paper for firefighters. Drake also discussed that radio or pagers are going to be needed in the future and he stated that he has concerns about where the money will come from to pay for them. Vickerman noted that the County did apply for a grant, and she hoped that a portion could be covered with those funds. Drake stated that the City will have to invest in Ambulance and Fire pagers or radios in the near future.

**COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MEETINGS:**

**Senate Bonding Committee: September 2nd – Dybing:** Dybing stated that the Senate Bonding Committee allotted Lanesboro fifteen minutes of time to discuss the need for bonding for the dam. Dybing noted that approximately 30 people showed up in a stream of cars to discuss the dam. Overall, Dybing felt that the visual impact could help Lanesboro.

**HOUSEKEEPING:**

**Liquor License – Professional Aids Network (October 10<sup>th</sup>):** Dybing made a motion to approve the liquor license, second Jeannette, motion carried.

**Administrator Report:** Vickerman went over the first six months of 2009 to see where the City was at with different funds. She pointed out that the expenses are higher at this time due to many products for the park being purchased early in the year for bulk pricing and that other supplies and materials have already been ordered as well. Vickerman noted that the Library is completely on track and that Veerkamp is very meticulous with their financial statements, which makes the administrator's job easier. Andy Drake noted that he has had repairs and maintenance expenses that he was not planning on, but with some of his older equipment such as the sweeper, it can not be helped. Drake noted that some capital funds should be set aside in 2010 for street equipment.

Vickerman noted that camping is up from last year and with two more months of possible camping, she is hoping that it is a good year. She also noted that the utility costs for the community center seem lower with the new equipment, however she wants to do an in depth cost comparison. Overall, Vickerman stated that the City is right on track this year.

**2010 Budget:** Vickerman provided a 2010 levy based upon the recommendations made at the last meeting for a 5% increase overall to start with possible decreases made before the final levy is adopted. Vickerman noted that a 5% increase would mean a \$413,756 levy for 2010. Dybing made a motion to approve the preliminary levy and budget provided by Vickerman, second Allen, motion carried.

**Mayor Rahn asked Vickerman if Sally Jo Gehrke was going to attend the meeting.**

**Vickerman stated that she had called and asked to be on the agenda first, noting that she would have to do chores by 6pm. Mayor Rahn stated that since she has not attended the meeting as she had requested, that he would ask for a motion to adjourn.**

**ADJOURN:**

With no further business at 5:55 p.m., Jeannette made motion to adjourn, second Dybing, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbie Vickerman  
City Administrator/Clerk